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corrections, of which one has an unsavory meaning and the other is too narrow an implication; the new title of "Conference of Social Work" is unfortunately somewhat awkward and unpleasing. In the annual volume several points are to be noted: (1) a new section on "Social Problems and the War" is given first position in the book; (2) the name of the section on feeble-mindedness is changed to the constructive title of "Mental Hygiene"; (3) the influence of the Conference is extended into the rural life of the nation and a new division on "Rural Social Problems" makes its appearance; (4) increasing interest is shown in social insurance which is defined as "true communal risk bearing"; and (5) democracy is stressed, e.g., Thomas Mott Osborne's strong plea that "the prisons be made safe for democracy."

The keynote of the volume is given in the address by President Frederic Almy and in the Conference sermon by the Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, who points out that "charity" has failed because it nourishes dependence and hypocrisy, and that "social service" has failed because it "ran full against the blank, impassable walls of our unjust industrial conditions" and our "intolerable method of distribution of wealth." The goal for social workers is set in Bishop Williams' statement that "every path we try leads out into that further field of warfare for economic equity and industrial justice."

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Educational Sociology: A Digest and Syllabus. Part I, Introduction; Part II, "Applications to Curricula and Studies."

By DAVID SNEDDEN. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University, 1917. 2 vols. Pp. 38+70. \$1.35.

This is a detailed and carefully worked-out outline of a course in educational sociology. It should prove of value as a source of suggestions to teachers offering similar courses, or as a working manual for those who find it desirable to follow a ready-made scheme in their courses.

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Recreation and the Church. By. HERBERT WRIGHT GATES. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1917. Pp. 185. \$1.00.

Among the perplexities of an awakening church is the recreation problem. Shall the church incorporate play in her program? Has it sufficient significance for the moral and spiritual life to become part of